

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Update on City Engineer/Public Works Director Recruitment

The final filing deadline of January 9, 2004 for applications for City Engineer/Public Works Director has been extended. Recruitment is continuing.

Town participation on Mercury Thermometer Exchange Program

In partnership with the City of Palo Alto, the Town will be participating in the Regional Water Quality Control Program's thermometer exchange along with Los Altos, Mountain View and East Palo Alto. One of the Bay Area's primary water pollutants concerns is mercury, which has given rise to these efforts to eliminate residential sources of mercury including mercury thermometers. Public Safety officer Steve Garcia will oversee the Town Hall drop-off site to collect old thermometers from residents in exchange for free digital thermometers provided by the Program. Advertisement of the mercury for digital exchange in the local press and other media is scheduled to begin soon.



City Manager Maureen Cassingham

Parks and Recreation Department Strategic Planning Begins

On January 26, 2004, KCM Consulting Partnership was selected via a Request for Proposals and interview process to assist the Town's Parks and Recreation Committee and staff with the development of a strategic plan for parks and recreation in Los Altos Hills. Public process design work is scheduled to commence in March followed by a key documents and trends scan, needs assessment, facilities inventory and analysis and concluding with the development of a draft five to ten-year strategic action plan for presentation by the Committee to the City Council. Estimated timeline for completion of this scope of work is two to three months. The final plan will reflect facility capacity, community expectations, marketing opportunities and program strategies that are consistent with the Town's core values and resident interests. With Council concurrence and support of the plan, our fledgling Parks and Recreation Department will have a clear road map to assist it in being responsive to the community's needs now and into the future. A progress report on the project will be presented to Council on February 19, 2004 by Parks and Recreation Supervisor Jimmy Forbis.

—Maureen Cassingham, City Manager

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TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS MEASURE B - LIBRARY PARCEL TAX RENEWAL

The Los Altos Hills City Council has voted to endorse Measure B on the March 2 ballot, a renewal of a significant source of income for the Santa Clara County Library (of which Los Altos Hills is part). The original measure was enacted in 1995 to replace funds that the State reallocated from special districts in '92 and '93 to solve its budget shortage.



Measure B money represents more than 1/5 of the library's current operating income and failure to renew it would mean that the library would have to reduce its services by about 25%. The measure asks voters to renew the 1994 parcel tax that provided \$5.3 million annually into eight county branches and a bookmobile with a modest cost of living increase from \$33 per parcel to \$42 per parcel for single-family homes. Measure B would sunset in seven years and requires a 2/3 majority among voters of the district to pass.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The first annual Los Altos Relay for Life will be at Los Altos High School on June 25 & 26, 2004, 10:00 AM Saturday to 10:00 AM Sunday. Los Altos Hills residents are encouraged to participate.

Relay for Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is the largest fundraiser in the world, and it is a 100% volunteer-driven event. Participating teams, led by team captains, walk around the high school track for 24 hours to demonstrate their resolve in battling this disease. Luminaries will be sold in honor/memory of someone with cancer and provide light during the night around the track. Great entertainment is planned for this worthwhile event.

The purposes of Relay for Life are, in addition to fundraising, to educate participants and attendees about cancer prevention and early detection, to make the community aware of the Society's research programs and services, and to celebrate and honor cancer survivorship. Relay for Life especially honors those who have lost their battle with cancer.

Cancer survivors are encouraged to get involved and are invited to walk the first lap of the relay. Volunteers are needed to organize teams, to participate in teams, to work at Relay for Life, and to contribute needed equipment and supplies. Sponsors are welcomed.



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